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I. **SUBMITTED UNITED STATES PATENT REFERENCES**

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II. SUBMITTED FOREIGN PATENT REFERENCES

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III. OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION

IV. EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The above references were made of record in parent application U.S. Serial No. 10/149,858 filed October 7, 2002, based on PCT application No. PCT/JP01/08981.

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